

# BSM $\nu$ PHYSICS @ COLLIDERS

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Contents:

- Neutrino mass models & their phenomenological features
- Collider tests & complementarity

$\nu$ 's: the most elusive/least known particle in the SM:

- How many species:  $3 \nu_L$ 's +  $N_R$ ?
- Absolute mass scale:  $m_\nu \sim y_\nu v < 1 \text{ eV}$ ?  
or a new physics scale:  $M_{\text{majorana}} \gg v$ ?
- Mass-ordering?
- Flavor oscillations & CP violation?
- Non-standard interactions?
- Mixing with sterile  $\nu$ 's?
- Portal to dark sector?

→ 6+ Nobel Prizes related to  $\nu$ 's, more than other discoveries, and more excitement to come!

In theory, simplest SM extension for  $\nu$  mass:

$n N_R$ 's (sterile) → SM-like Yukawa coupling (Dirac)

$$y_\nu \bar{L} \ell_R \cdot \tilde{H} N_R \rightarrow (m_\nu + \frac{y_\nu}{\sqrt{2}} H) \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R$$

# SM as a low-energy effective field theory:

The leading SM gauge invariant operator is at dim-5:\*

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} (y_\nu LH)(y_\nu LH) + h.c. \Rightarrow \frac{y_\nu^2 v^2}{\Lambda} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R^c.$$

\*S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1566 (1979)

## Implications:

- Theoretical:  $\Lambda \rightarrow$  new scale / particles, implies an underlying (UV) theory!

The See-saw spirit: †

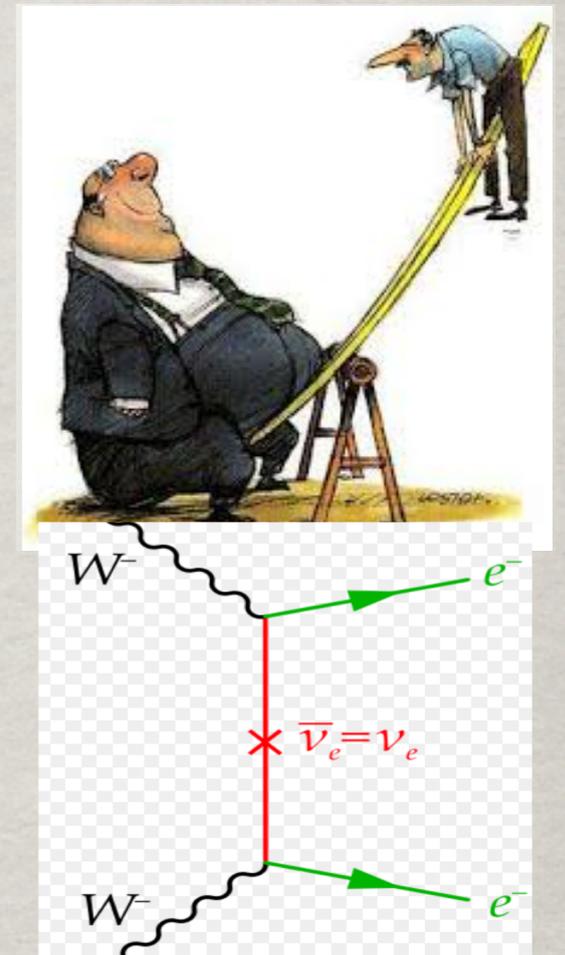
If  $m_\nu \sim 1$  eV, then  $\Lambda \sim y_\nu^2 (10^{14} \text{ GeV})$ .

$$\Lambda \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 10^{14} \text{ GeV for } y_\nu \sim 1; \\ 100 \text{ GeV for } y_\nu \sim 10^{-6}. \end{cases}$$

- Observational:

$\Delta L=2 \rightarrow$  Majorana mass (Majorana neutrinos)

$\rightarrow$  Opens the door to BSM  $\nu$  physics at low & high energies!

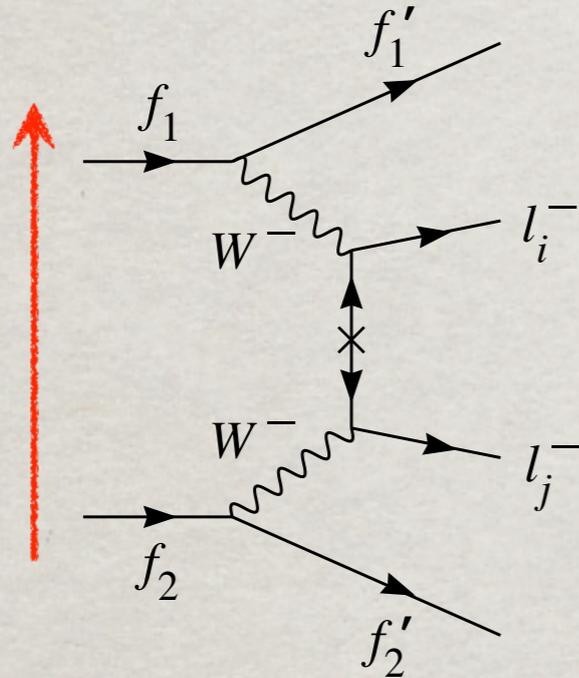


†Yanagita (1979); Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky (1979), S.L. Glashow (1980); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1980) ...

# Observational Aspects:

## the most-wanted process: $\Delta L=2$

The fundamental diagram:



$$U_{iN} \frac{\cancel{p+m_N}}{p^2 - m_N^2 + i\epsilon} U_{jN}$$

The crossing diagrams can probe different processes and new physics of  $N/T^0$ ,  $W^+_R$ ,  $H^{++}$

The transition rates are proportional to

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 \propto \begin{cases} \langle m \rangle_{l_1 l_2}^2 = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{l_1 i} U_{l_2 i} m_i \right|^2 & \text{for light } \nu; \\ \frac{|\sum_i^n V_{l_1 i} V_{l_2 i}|^2}{m_N^2} & \text{for heavy } N; \\ \frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow i) \Gamma(N \rightarrow f)}{m_N \Gamma_N} & \text{for resonant } N \text{ production.} \end{cases}$$

# UV-complete theoretical Models:

The Weinberg operator non-renormalizable  
→ Need Ultra-Violet completion at/above  $\Lambda$ .

Group representations based on SM  $SU_L(2)$  doublets:

$$2 \otimes 2 = 1(\text{singlet}) + 3(\text{triplet})$$

→ There are three possibilities:

- Type I: Fermion singlets  $\otimes (L H)_S$
- Type II: Scalar triplet  $\otimes (L L)_T$
- Type III: Fermion triplets  $\otimes (L H)_T$

E. Ma: PRL 81, 1771 (1998).

For recent reviews: Z.Z. Xing: arXiv:1406.7739;

Y. Cai, TH, T. Li & R. Ruiz: arXiv:1711.02180.

# Type I Seesaw: Singlet $N_R$ 's – Sterile neutrinos

$$L_{aL} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_a \\ l_a \end{pmatrix}_L, \quad a = 1, 2, 3; \quad N_{bR}, \quad b = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \geq 2.$$

Dirac plus Majorana mass terms:  $(\bar{\nu}_L \quad \overline{N^c_L}) \begin{pmatrix} 0_{3 \times 3} & D_{3 \times n}^\nu \\ D_{n \times 3}^{\nu T} & M_{n \times n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu^c_R \\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$

Majorana neutrinos:

$$\nu_{aL} = \sum_{m=1}^3 U_{am} \nu_{mL} + \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} V_{am'} N_{m'L}^c,$$

$$N_{aL}^c = \sum_{m=1}^3 X_{am} \nu_{mL} + \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} Y_{am'} N_{m'L}^c,$$

The charged currents:

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{CC} &= \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \sum_{l=e}^{\tau} \sum_{m=1}^3 U_{lm}^* \bar{\nu}_m \gamma^\mu P_L l + h.c. \\ &+ \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \sum_{l=e}^{\tau} \sum_{m'=4}^{3+n} V_{lm'}^* \overline{N_{m'}^c} \gamma^\mu P_L l + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

## Type I Seesaw features:

😊 Existence of  $N_R$  (possibly low mass\*)

$$U_{\ell m}^2 \sim V_{PMNS}^2 \approx \mathcal{O}(1); \quad V_{\ell m}^2 \approx m_\nu / m_N.$$

$U_{\ell m}, \Delta m_\nu$  are from oscillation experiments

$m_N$  a free parameter: could be accessible!

😞 But difficult to see  $N_R$ :

The mixing is typically small, mass wide open:

$$V_{\ell m}^2 \approx (m_\nu / eV) / (m_N / GeV) \times 10^{-9} \\ < 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (low energy bound)}$$

(Fine-tune or hybrid could make it sizeable.)

\* Casas and Ibarra (2001);

A. Y. Smirnov and R. Zukanovich Funchal (2006);

A. de Gouvea, J. Jenkins and N. Vasudevan (2007);

W. Chao, Z. G. Si, Z. Z. Xing and S. Zhou (2008).

# Type II Seesaw: No need for $N_R$ , with $\Phi$ -triplet\*

With a scalar triplet  $\Phi$  ( $Y = 2$ ):  $\phi^{\pm\pm}, \phi^{\pm}, \phi^0$  (many representative models).

Add a gauge invariant/renormalizable term:

$$Y_{ij} L_i^T C (i\sigma_2) \Phi L_j + h.c.$$

That leads to the Majorana mass:

$$M_{ij} \nu_i^T C \nu_j + h.c.$$

where

$$M_{ij} = Y_{ij} \langle \Phi \rangle = Y_{ij} v' \lesssim 1 \text{ eV},$$

Very same gauge invariant/renormalizable term:

$$\mu H^T (i\sigma_2) \Phi^\dagger H + h.c.$$

predicts

$$v' = \mu \frac{v^2}{M_\phi^2},$$

leading to the Type II Seesaw. †

\*Magg, Wetterich (1980); Lazarides, Shafi (1981); Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1981). ...

†In Little Higgs model: T.Han, H.Logan, B.Mukhopadhyaya, R.Srikanth (2005).

# Type II Seesaw features\*

- Triplet vev  $\rightarrow$  Majorana mass  $\rightarrow$  neutrino mixing pattern!  
 $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell_i^\pm \ell_i^\pm \rightarrow$  neutrino mixing pattern!  
 $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow W^\pm W^\pm$ . Competing channel

## Variations

Naturally embedded in L-R symmetric model:#

$$W_R^\pm \rightarrow N_R e^\pm$$

(\* Large Type I signals via  $W_R-N_R$ )

† Pavel Fileviez Perez, Tao Han, Gui-Yu Huang, Tong Li, Kai Wang, arXiv:0803.3450 [hep-ph]

# Mohapatra, Senjanovic (1981). ...

# Type III Seesaw: with a fermionic triplet\*

With a lepton triplet  $T$  ( $Y = 0$ ) :  $T^+ T^0 T^-$ , add the terms:

$$-M_T(T^+T^- + T^0T^0/2) + y_T^i H^T i\sigma_2 T L_i + h.c.$$

These lead to the Majorana mass:

$$M_{ij} \approx y_i y_j \frac{v^2}{2M_T}.$$

Again, the seesaw spirit:  $m_\nu \sim v^2/M_T$ .

## Features:

Demand that  $M_T \lesssim 1$  TeV,  $M_{ij} \lesssim 1$  eV,

Thus the Yukawa couplings:†

$$y_j \lesssim 10^{-6},$$

making the mixing  $T^{\pm,0} - \ell^\pm$  very weak.

$T^0$  a Majorana neutrino;

Decay via mixing (Yukawa couplings);

$T\bar{T}$  Pair production via EW gauge interactions.

\*Foot, Lew, He, Joshi (1989); G. Senjanovic et al. ...

# OTHER MODELS & PHENOMENOLOGY

Thus far, we considered tree-level **Type I, II, III seesaw models**

Many models to account for the neutrino mass.\*

Another class of well-motivated models:

Radiative (loop) generation of neutrino masses.

- Zee (1986)-Babu (1988) Model:  
add singlet scalar fields  $m_\nu$  generate at 2-loop  
→ change Higgs physics
- Ma Models (2006):  
add singlet scalars +  $Z_2$  symmetry  
→ Dark matter
- ... ..

Typically, they introduce additional Higgs states and thus new (model-dependent) experimental signatures.

\* For a review, see, M.C. Chen & J.R. Huang, arXiv:1105.3188v2.

# Non-Standard $\nu$ Interactions (NSIs)

First introduced by Wolfenstein in 1978:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NC}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f,P} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f),$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f,P} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \ell_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu P f')$$

Or more general interactions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GNI}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_a (\bar{\nu} \Gamma_a \nu) [\bar{f} \Gamma_a (\epsilon_a + \tilde{\epsilon}_a \gamma^5) f],$$

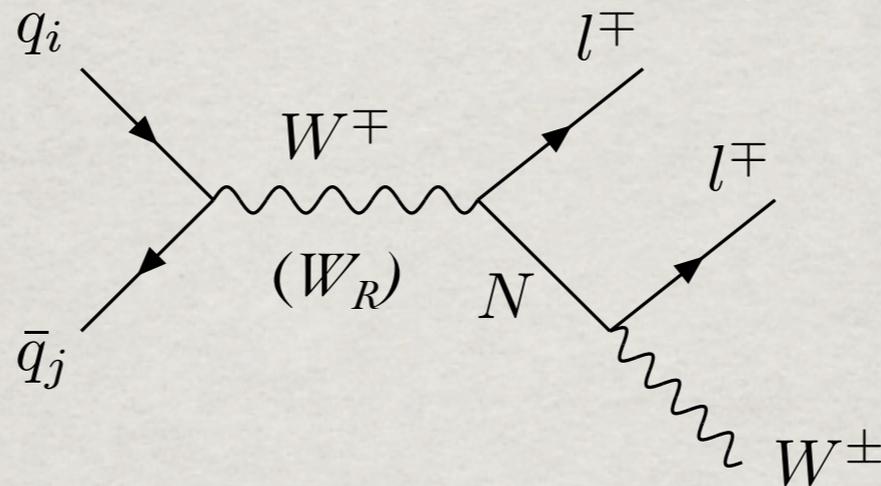
$$\text{where } \Gamma_a = \{\mathbb{1}, i\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\}$$

They will impact both oscillation observables  
as well as collider signals

BSM  $\nu$  Whitepaper: [arXiv:2203.06131](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06131)  
[arXiv:1907.00991](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.00991)

# 1. $N_R$ at Colliders

At hadron colliders: §  $pp(\bar{p}) \rightarrow \ell^\pm \ell^\pm jj X$



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm W^\mp) \approx \sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm N) Br(N \rightarrow \mu^\pm W^\mp) \equiv \frac{V_{\mu N}^2}{\sum_l |V_{\ell N}|^2} V_{\mu N}^2 \sigma_0.$$

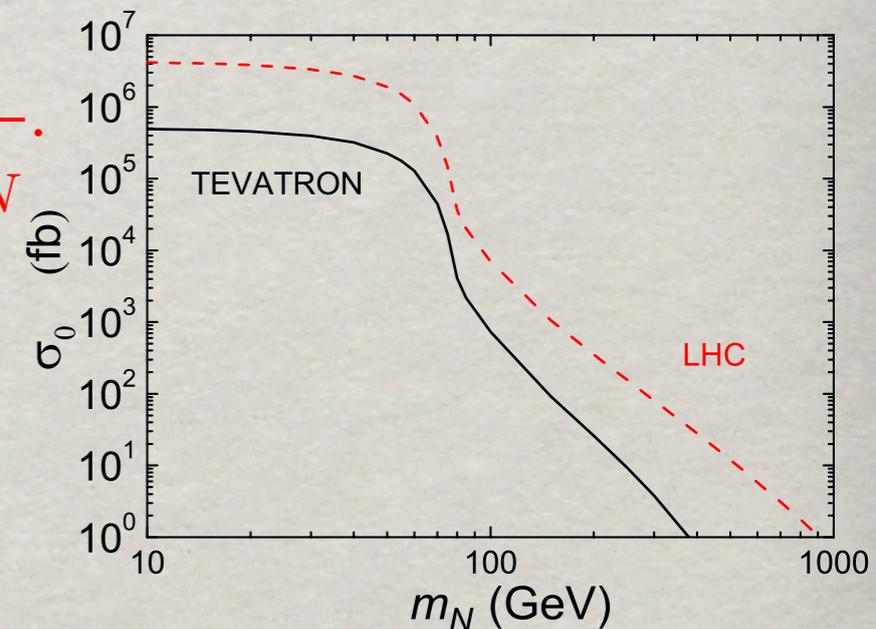
Factorize out the mixing couplings: †

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \mu^\pm \mu^\pm W^\mp) \equiv S_{\mu\mu} \sigma_0,$$

$$S_{\mu\mu} = \frac{V_{\mu N}^4}{\sum_l |V_{\ell N}|^2} \approx \frac{V_{\mu N}^2}{1 + V_{\tau N}^2/V_{\mu N}^2}.$$

A very clean channel:

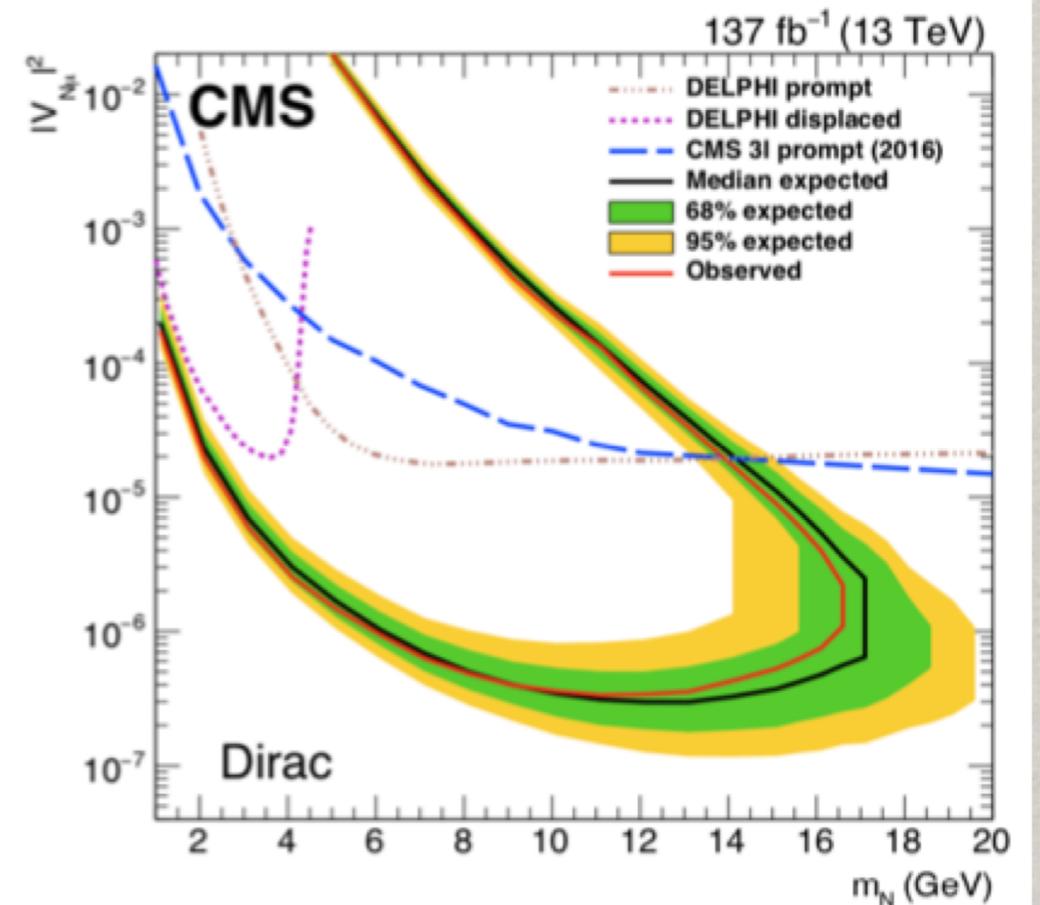
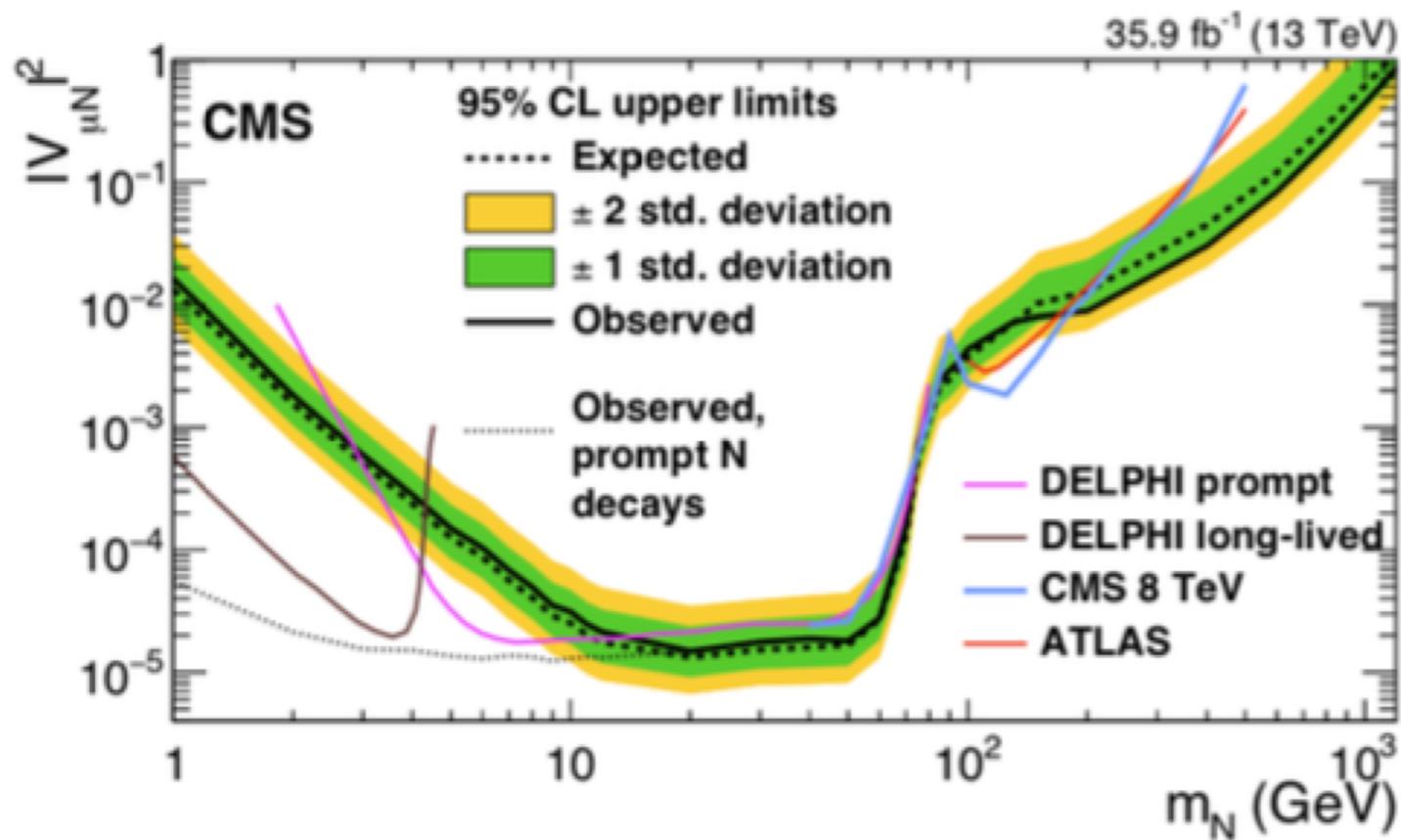
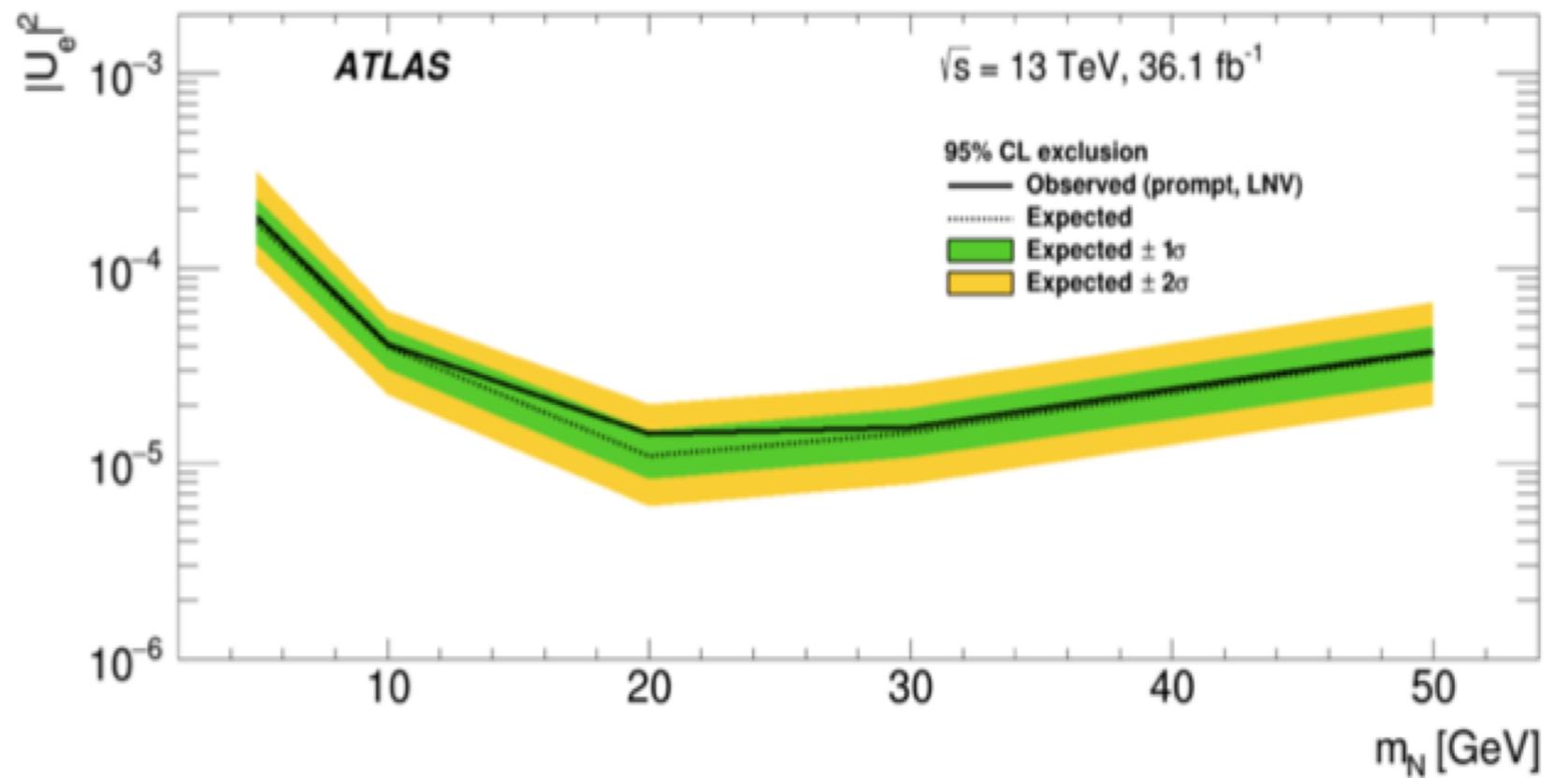
- like-sign di-muons plus two jets;
- no missing energies;
- $m(jj) = M_W$ ,  $m(jj\mu) = m_N$ .



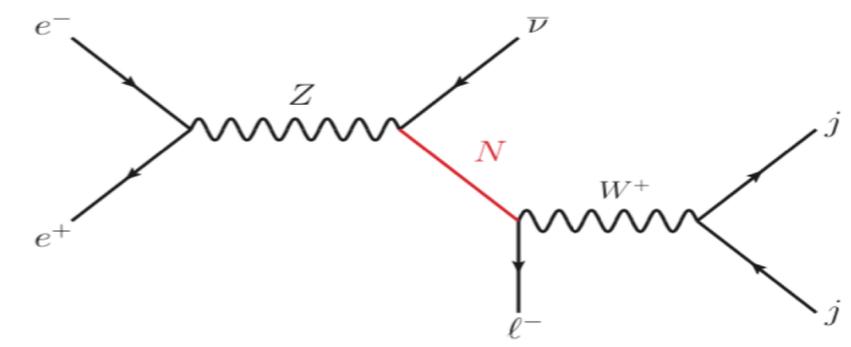
§ Keung, Senjanovic (1983); Dicus et al. (1991); A. Datta, M. Guchait, A. Pilaftsis (1993); ATLAS TDR (1999); F. Almeida et al. (2000); F. del Aguila et al. (2007).

† T. Han and B. Zhang, hep-ph/0604064, PRL (2006).

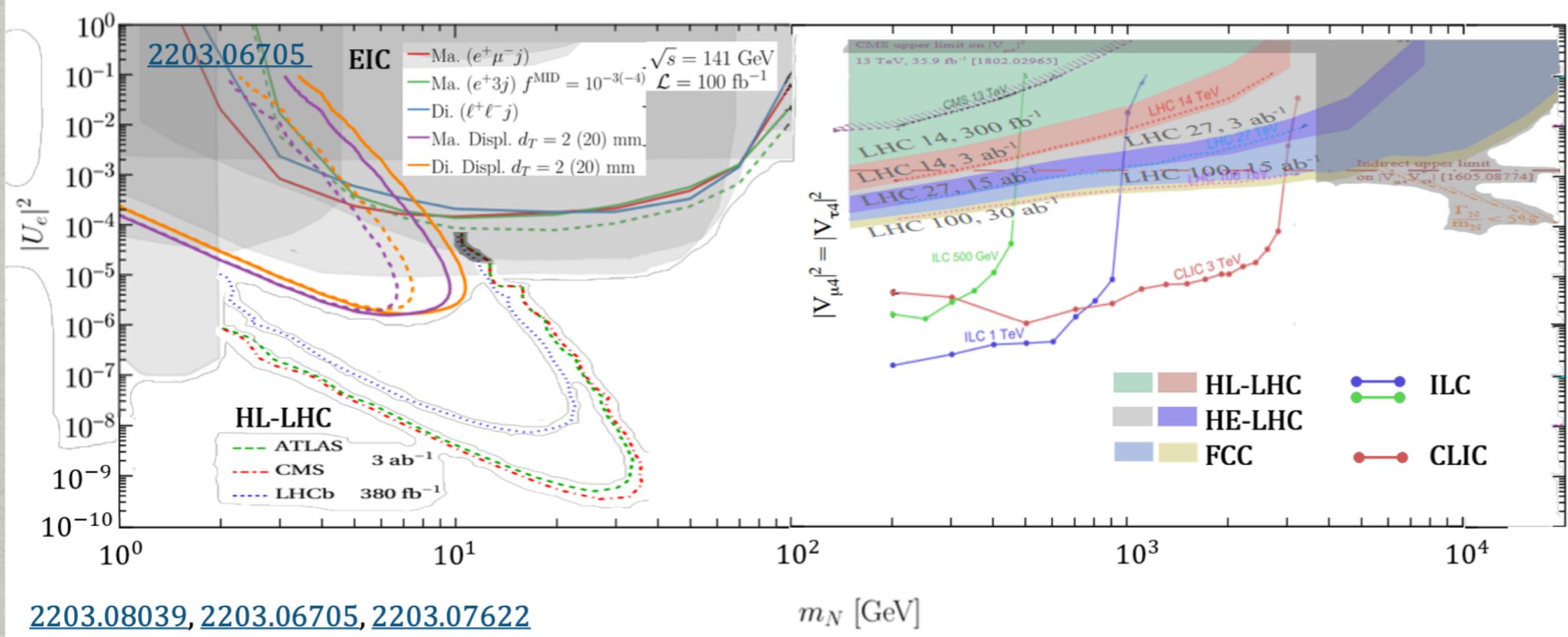
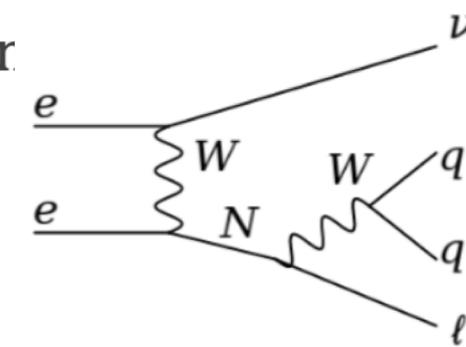
# Active search @ LHC



# Complementarity @ different colliders



- ▶ **EIC:** sensitive at low and medium mass ranges, special LFV sea
- ▶ **LHC/FCC:** strong potential for low mass displaced searches, consistent couplings reach out to very high mass with increased lumi and energy
- ▶ **ILC/CLIC:** can dig more deeply into coupling space where energy allows.
  - ▶ Fast-sim study with machine learning

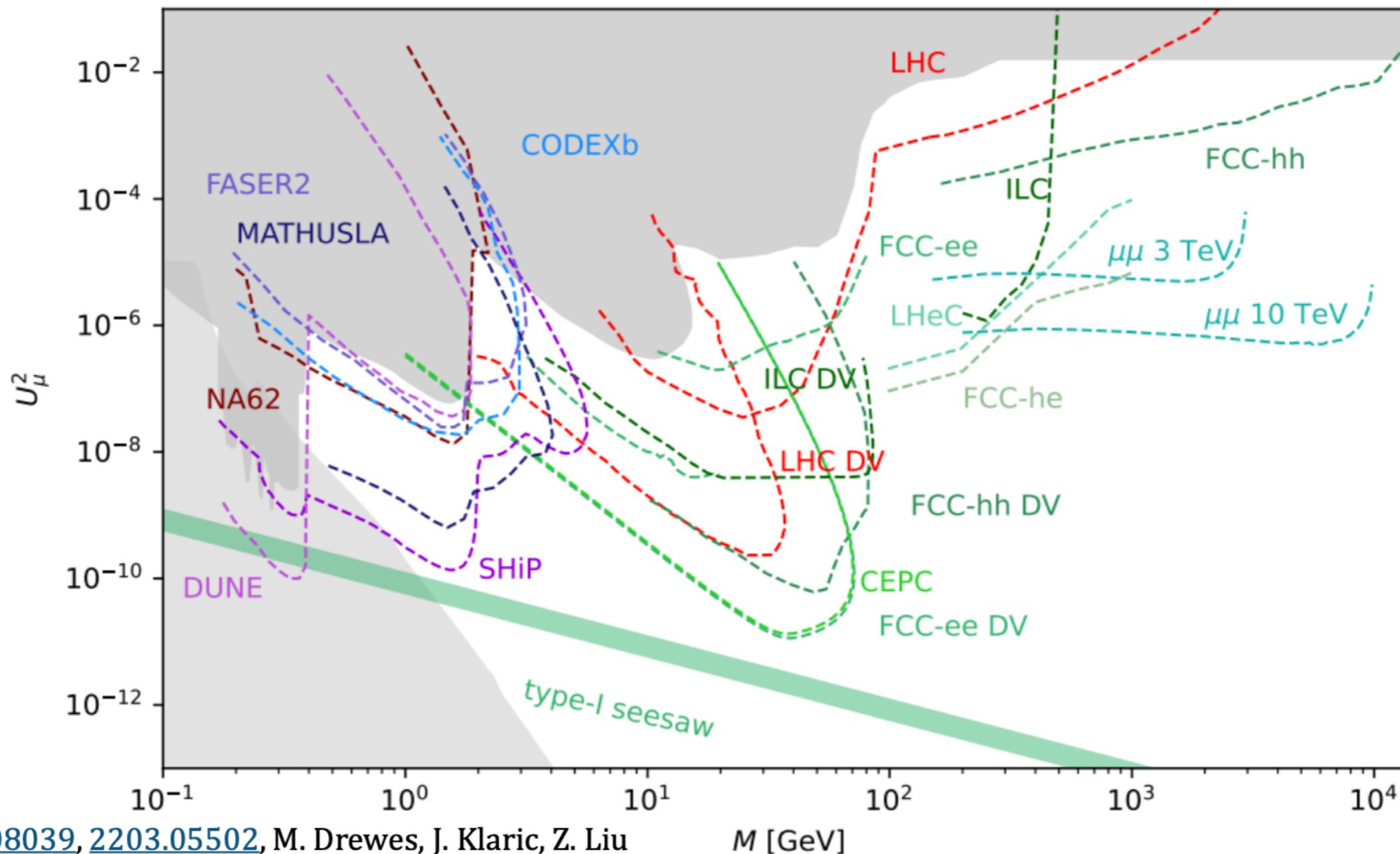


[2203.08039](#), [2203.06705](#), [2203.07622](#)

ILC Whitepaper: [arXiv:2203.06722](#)

# Complementarity @ high & low masses

- ▶ For displaced HNL signatures, more experiments can join the search
- ▶ HL-LHC timescale: FASER2, MATHUSLA, CODEXb, DUNE can probe low masses



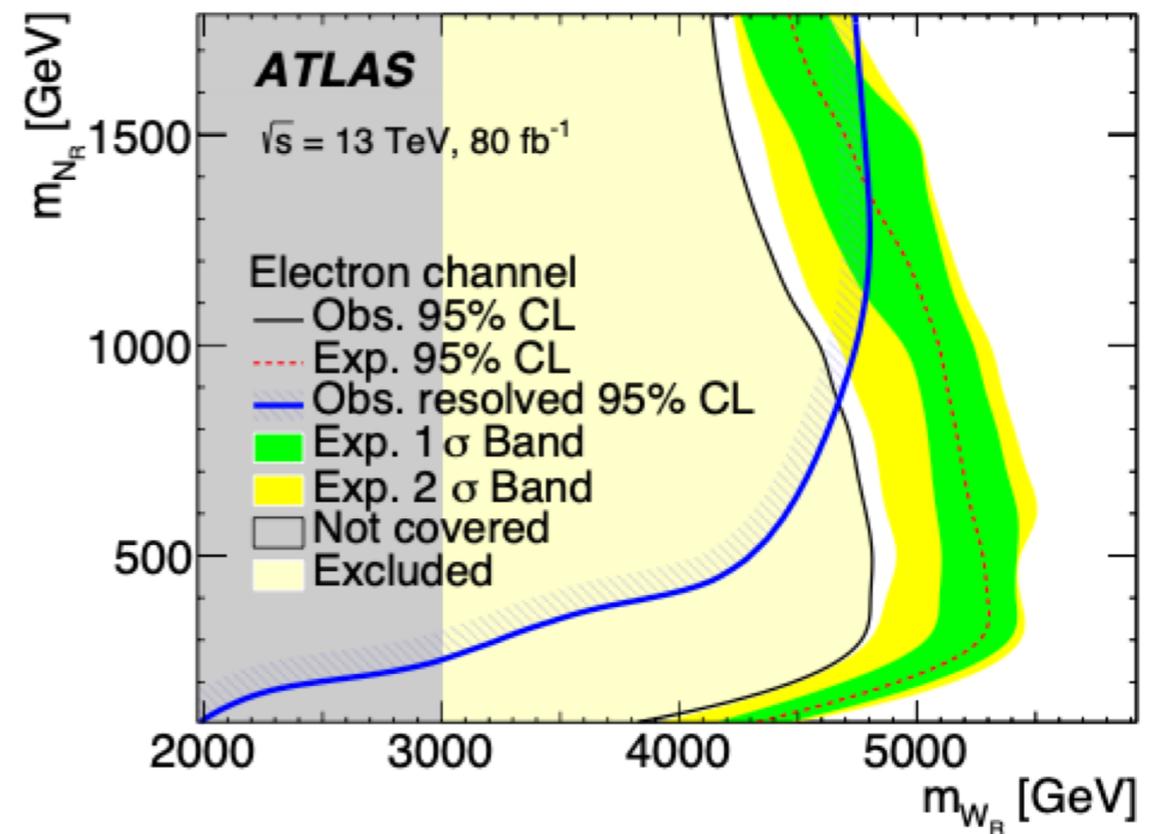
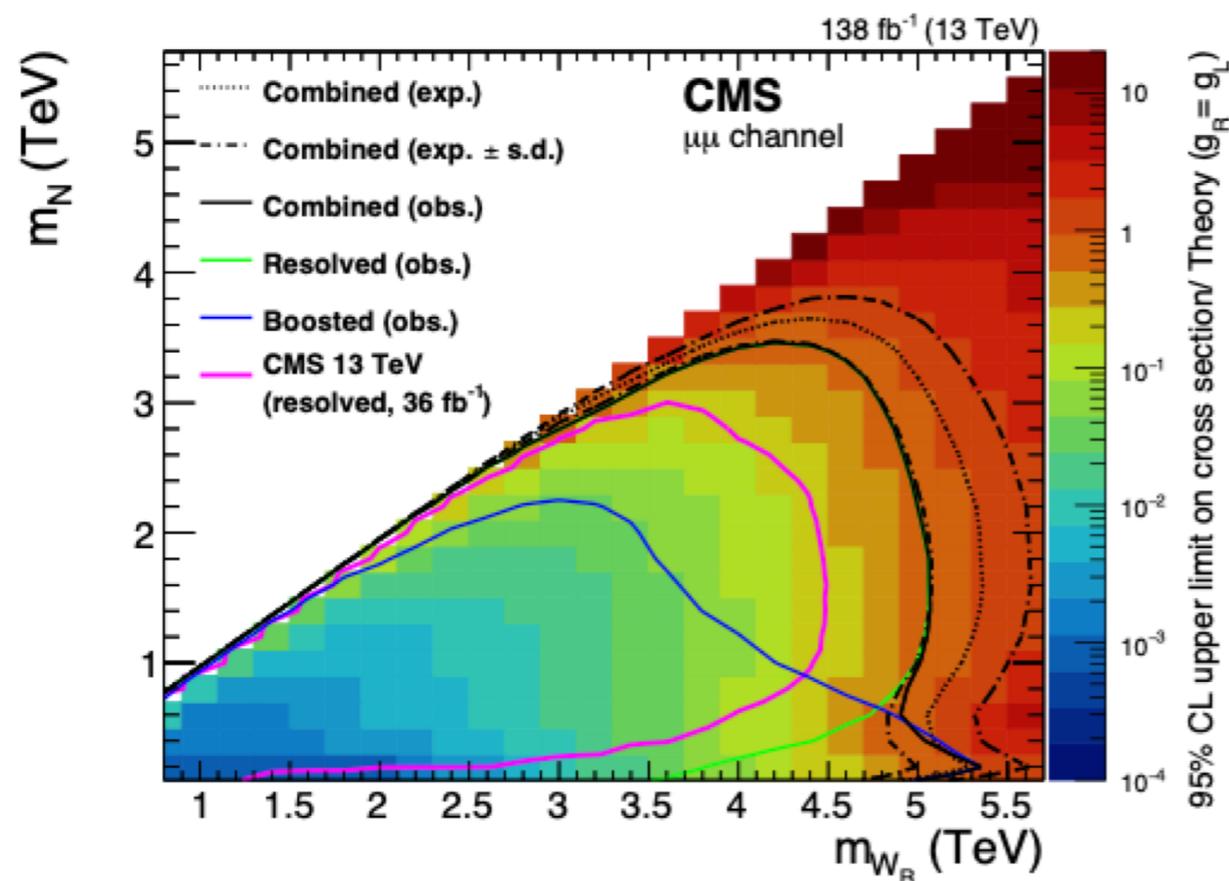
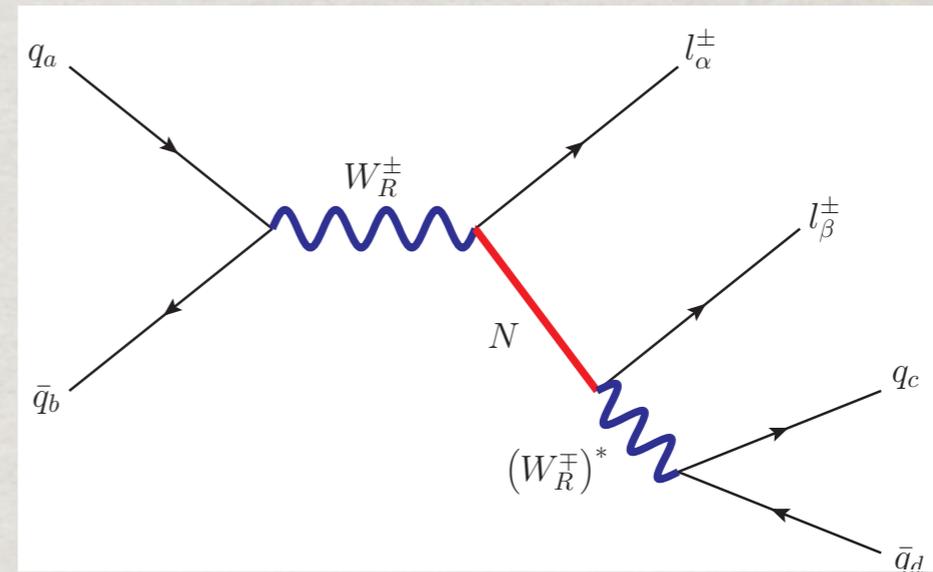
[2203.08039](#), [2203.05502](#), M. Drewes, J. Klaric, Z. Liu

$M$  [GeV]

## 2. $N_R$ & $W_R$ @ Hadron Colliders

In Left-Right symmetric model:

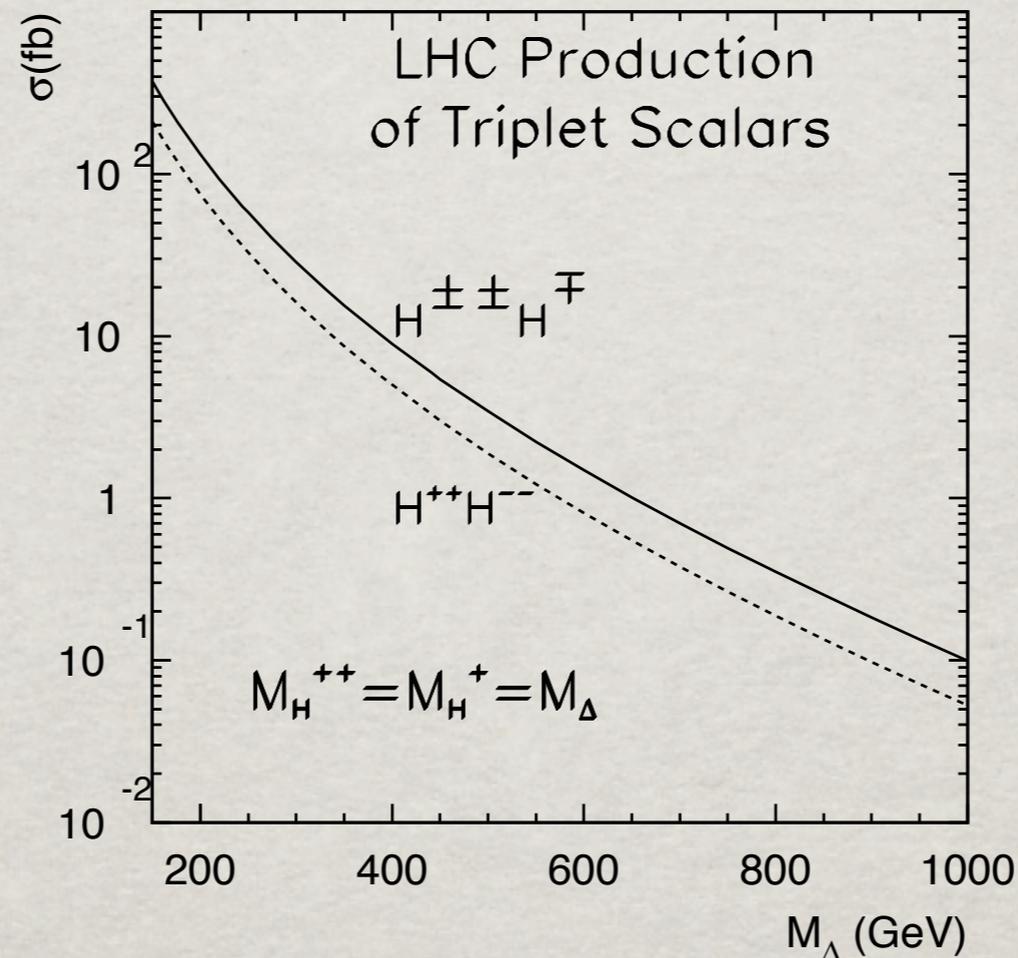
- No mixing suppression
- New unknown mass scale  $M_R$



W. Keung & G. Senjanovic, PRL 50 (1983) 1427  
 Heavy N Whitepaper: arXiv:2203.08039

### 3. Type II Seesaw: $H^{\pm\pm}$ & $H^\pm$

$H^{++}H^{--}$  production at hadron colliders: †  
Pure electroweak gauge interactions



Akeroyd, Aoki, Sugiyama, 2005, 2007.

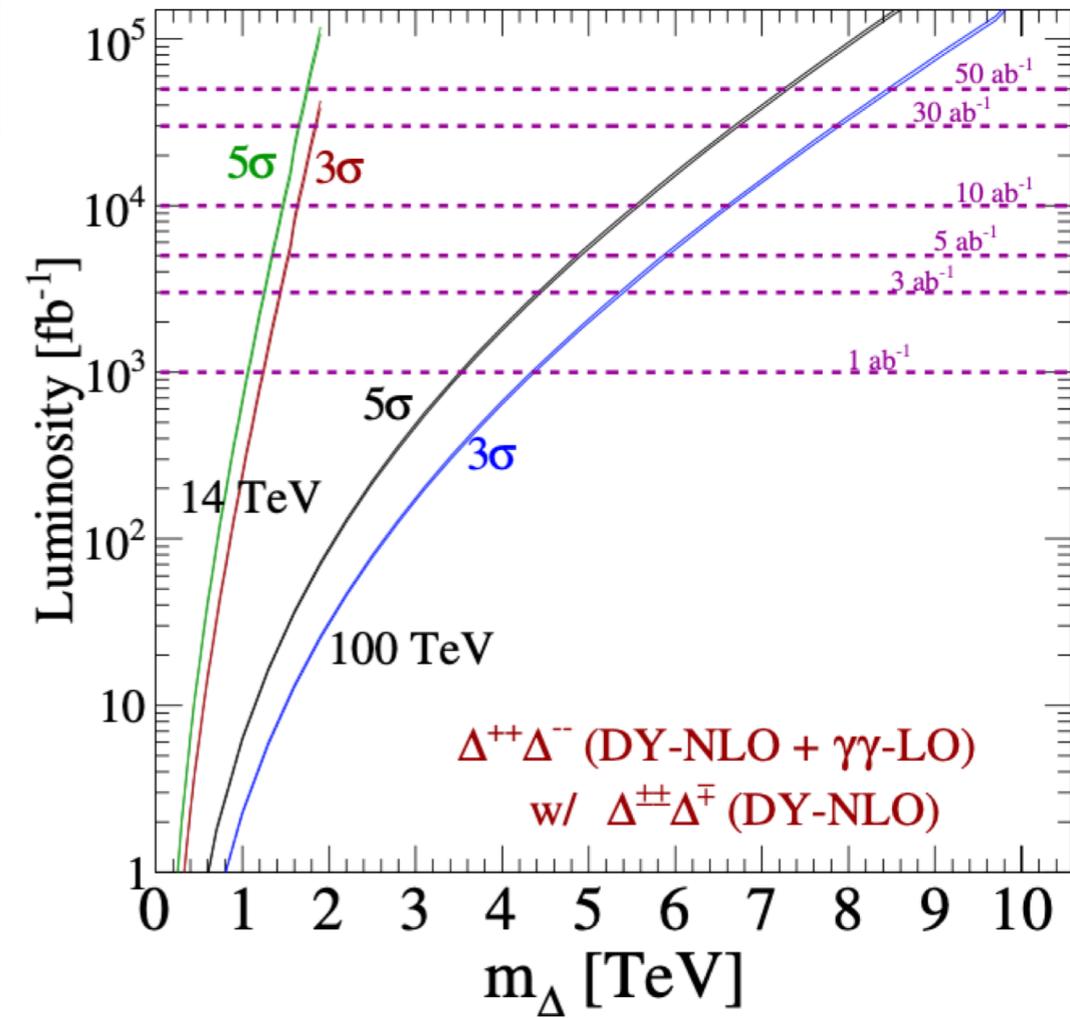
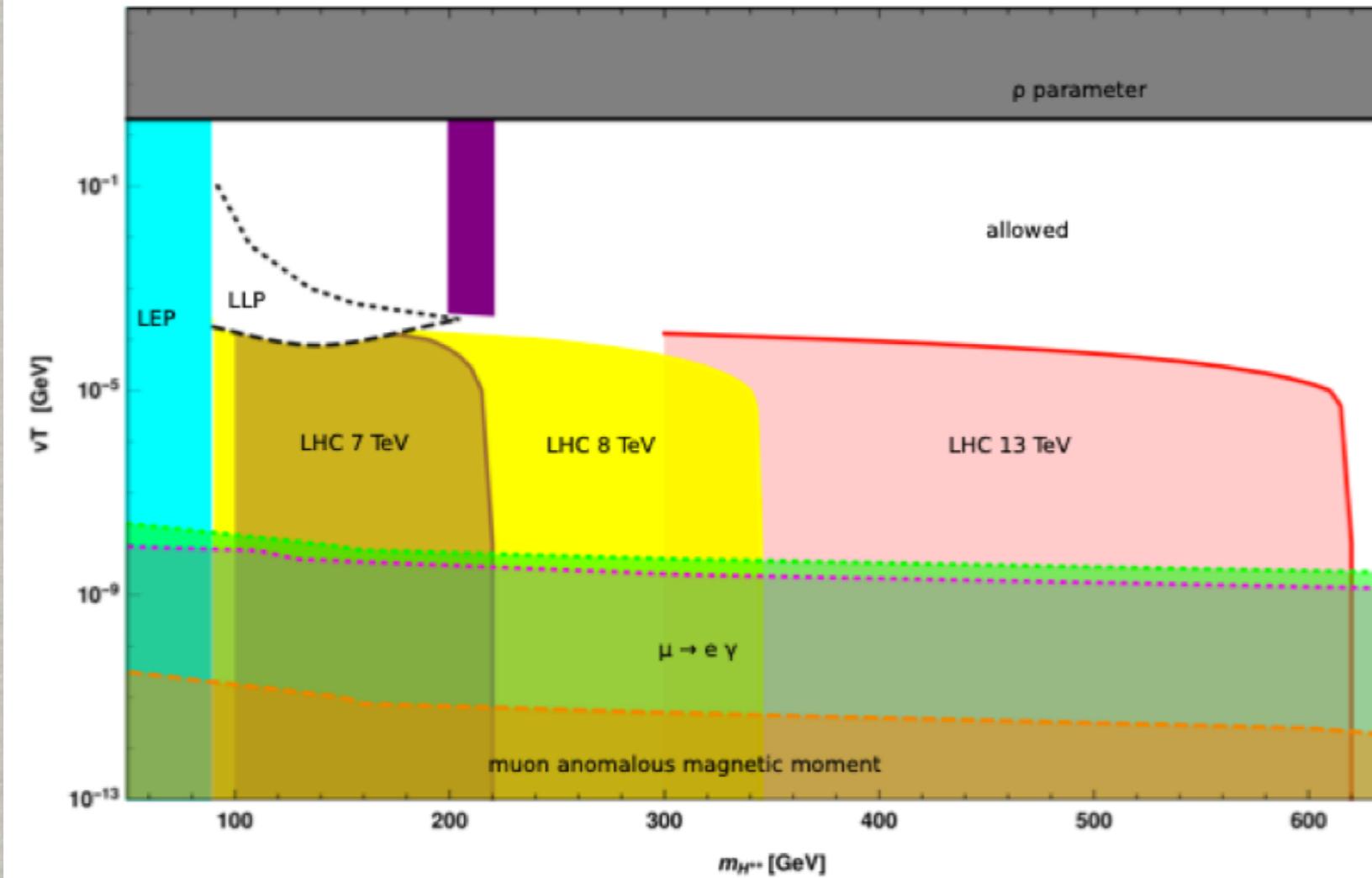
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H^{++}H^{--}$  10% of the DY.

†Revisit, T.Han, B.Mukhopadhyaya, Z.Si, K.Wang, arXiv:0706.0441.

Z.L. Han, R. Ding, Y. Liao, arXiv:1502.05242; 1506.08996;

J. Gehrlein, D. Goncalves, P. Machado, Y. Perez-Gonzalez: arXiv:1804.09184.

# Type II: $H^{\pm\pm}$ & $H^\pm$



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# Neutrino – charged lepton correlations

Summarize the discovery modes:

Spectrum

Relations

Normal Hierarchy  
( $\Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^+), \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+) &\gg \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ e^+) \\ \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \mu^+ \tau^+) &\gg \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ \mu^+), \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ \tau^+) \\ \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \bar{\nu}), \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \bar{\nu}) &\gg \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}) \end{aligned}$$

Inverted Hierarchy  
( $\Delta m_{31}^2 < 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ e^+) &> \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+), \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^+) \\ \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \mu^+ \tau^+) &\gg \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ \tau^+), \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ \mu^+) \\ \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}) &> \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \bar{\nu}), \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \bar{\nu}) \end{aligned}$$

Quasi-Degenerate  
( $m_1, m_2, m_3 > |\Delta m_{31}|$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow e^+ e^+) &\sim \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+) \sim \text{BR}(H^{++} \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^+) \approx 1/3 \\ \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}) &\sim \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \bar{\nu}) \sim \text{BR}(H^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \bar{\nu}) \approx 1/3 \end{aligned}$$

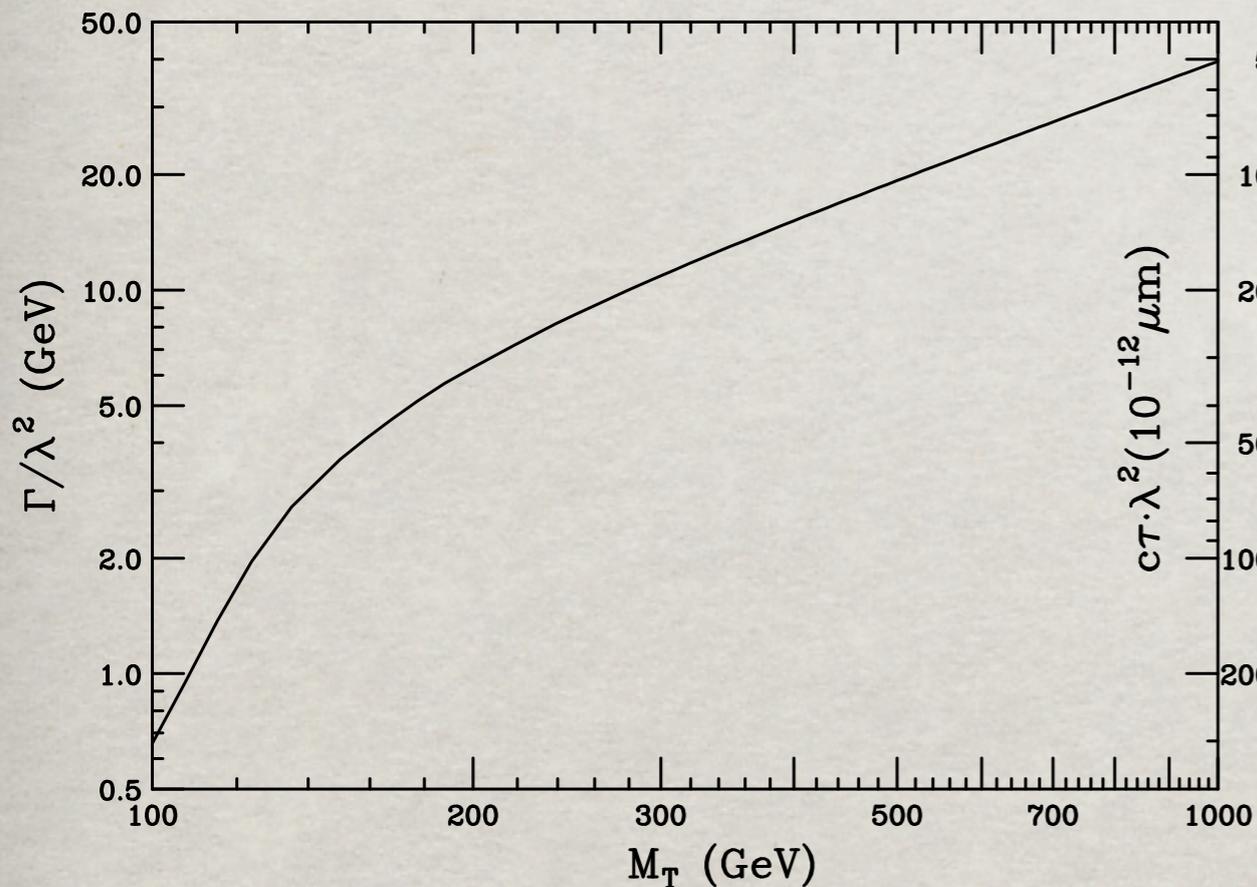
†Pavel Fileviez Perez, Tao Han, Gui-Yu Huang, Tong Li, Kai Wang,  
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# 4. Type III Seesaw: $T^\pm$ & $T^0$

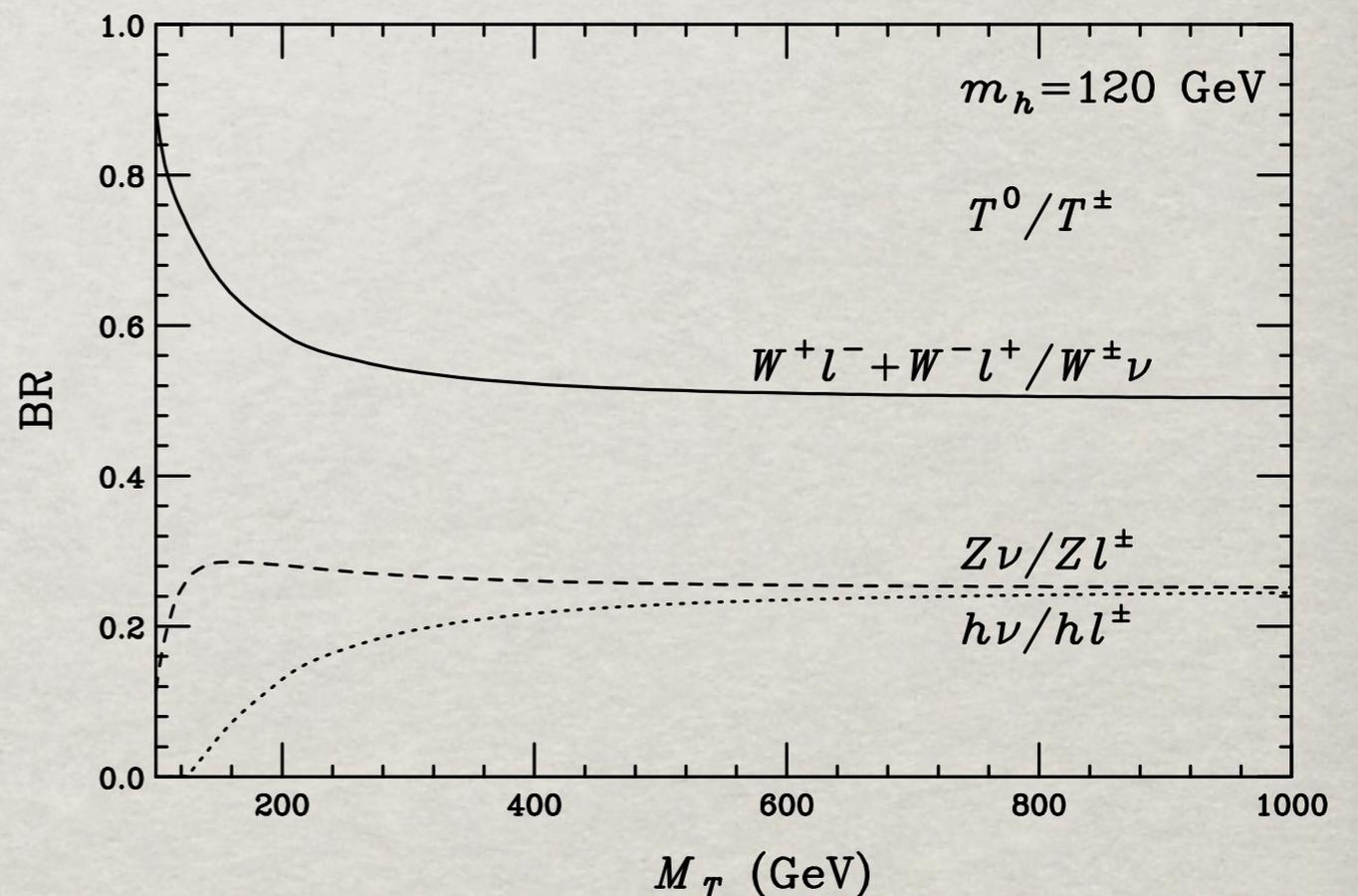
Consider their decay length:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(T^+ \rightarrow W^+ \nu) &\approx 2\Gamma(T^+ \rightarrow Z\ell^+) \approx 2\Gamma(T^+ \rightarrow h\ell^+) \\ &\approx \Gamma(T^0 \rightarrow W^+ \ell^- + W^- \ell^+) \approx \frac{M_T}{16\pi} \sum_i |y_i|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Width and Decay Length



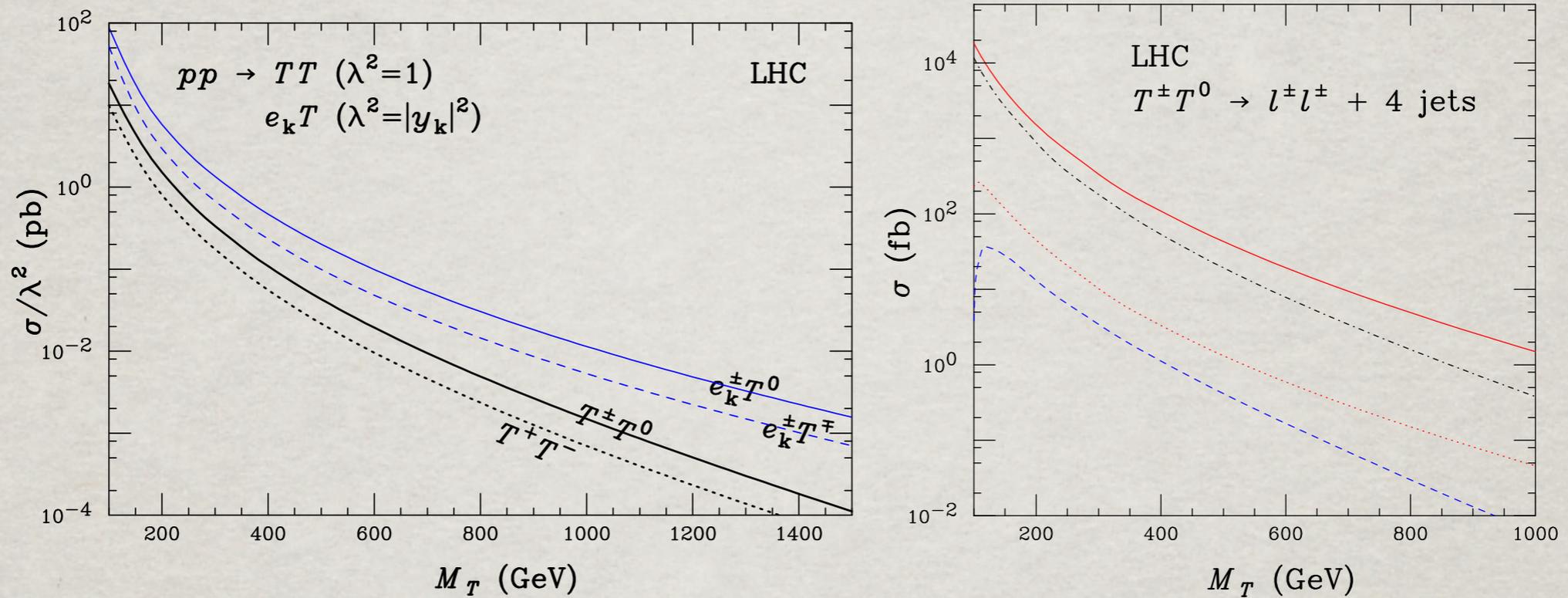
Lepton Triplet Branching Fraction



With  $\lambda^2 = y_j^2 \sim 10^{-16} - 10^{-12}$ , then  $c\tau \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-4}$  m  
 Still not too long-lived, but possibly large displaced vertices.

Tong Li & X.G. He, hep-ph/0907.4193.

# Type III Seesaw: $T^\pm$ & $T^0$



- Single production  $T^\pm l^\mp$ ,  $T^0 l^\pm$  :

Kinematically favored, but highly suppressed by mixing.

- Pair production with gauge couplings.

Example:  $T^\pm + T^0 \rightarrow l^\pm Z(h) + l^\pm W^- \rightarrow l^\pm jj(b\bar{b}) + l^\pm jj$ .

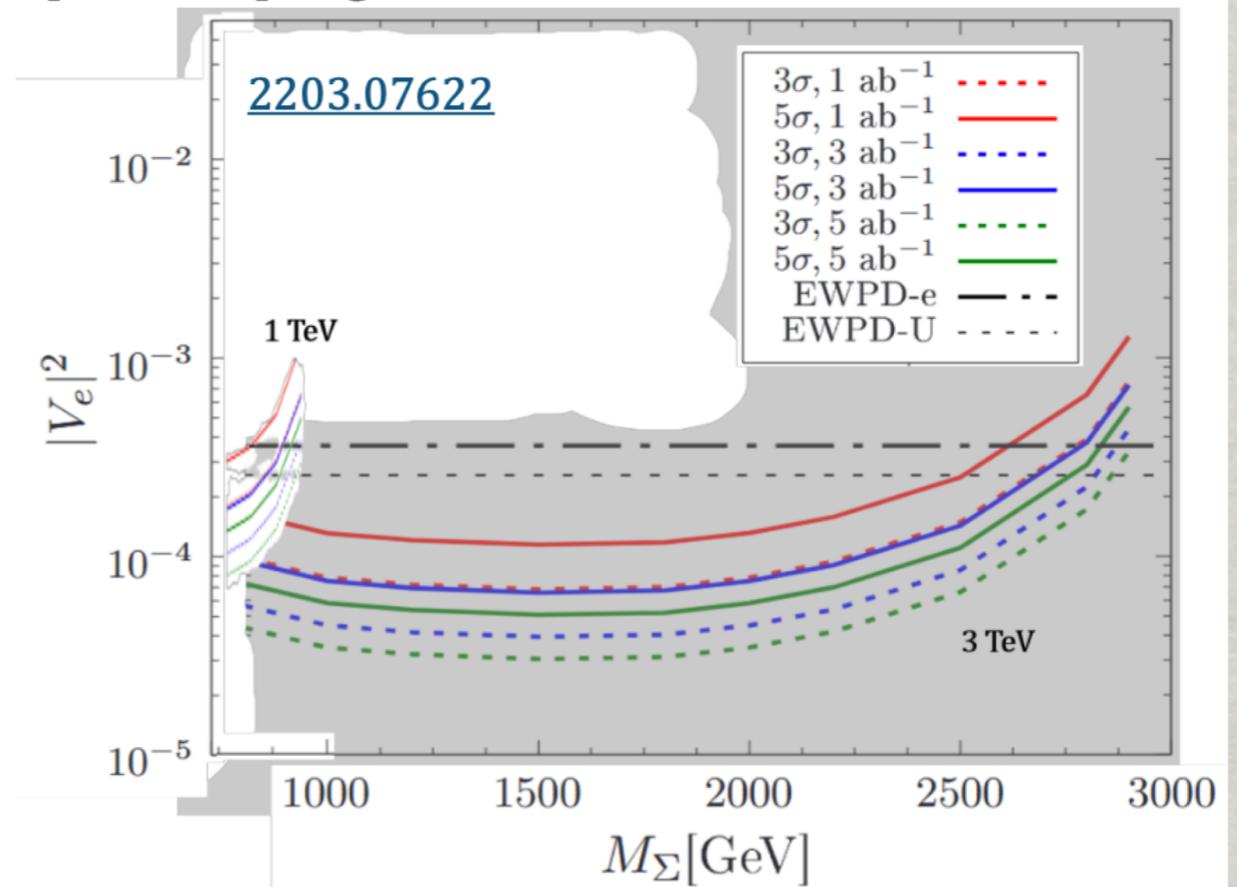
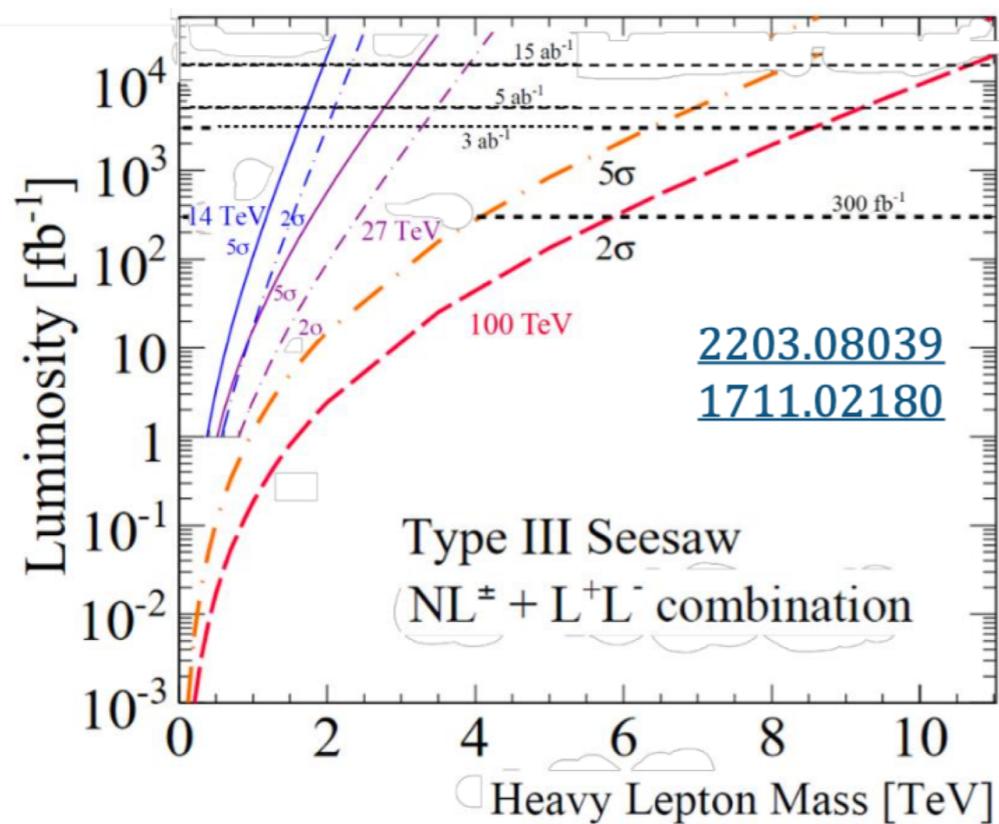
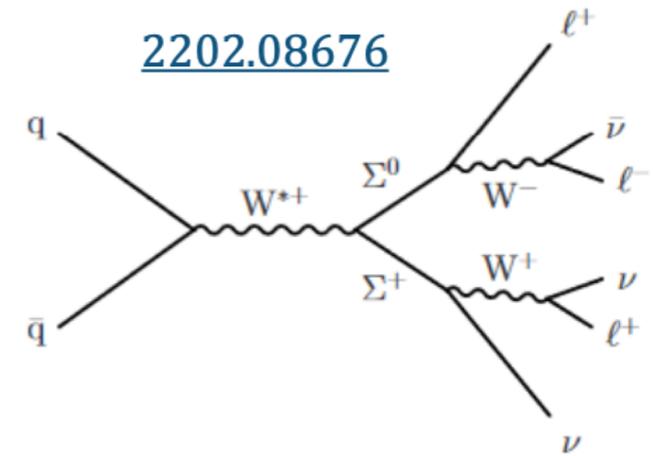
Low backgrounds.

- LHC studies with Minimal Flavor Violation implemented. †

† Similar earlier work: Franceschini, Hambye, Strumia, arXiv:0805.1613.

‡ O. Eboli, J. Gonzalez-Fraile, M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, arXiv:1108.0661 [hep-ph].

- ▶  $N \rightarrow W\ell$  gives multilepton or boosted-jet final states
- ▶ **pp**: pair production of neutral + charged heavy leptons
  - ▶ HL-LHC will not reach far beyond  $\sim 1$  TeV Run 2 bounds
  - ▶ 100 TeV could quickly out to 6 TeV, discover past 3 TeV
- ▶ **ee**: single production of neutral lepton
  - ▶ Below their thresholds, ee colliders can push couplings below EWPD bounds.

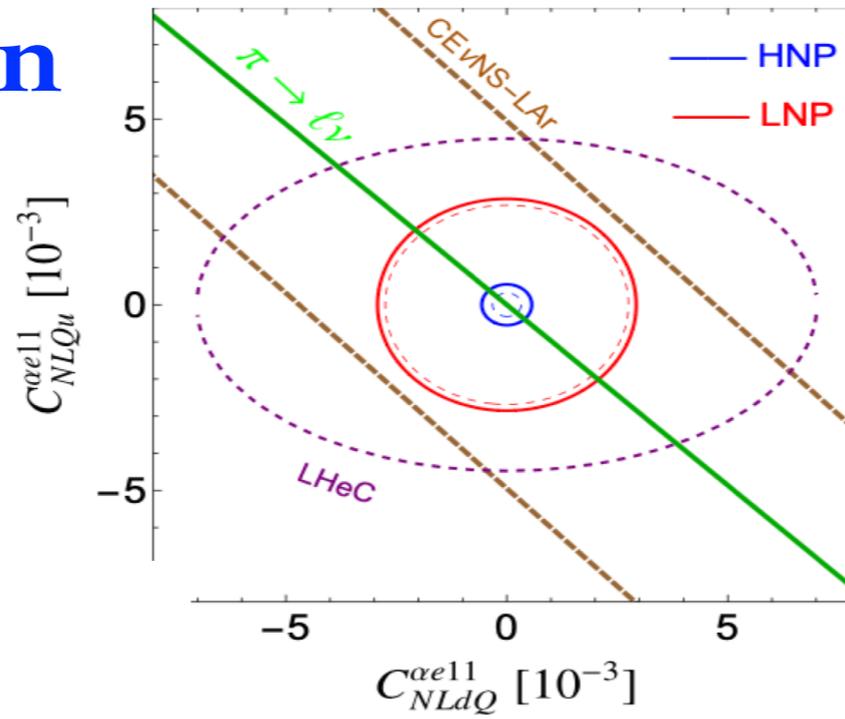


# 5. NSI: oscillation vs. collider

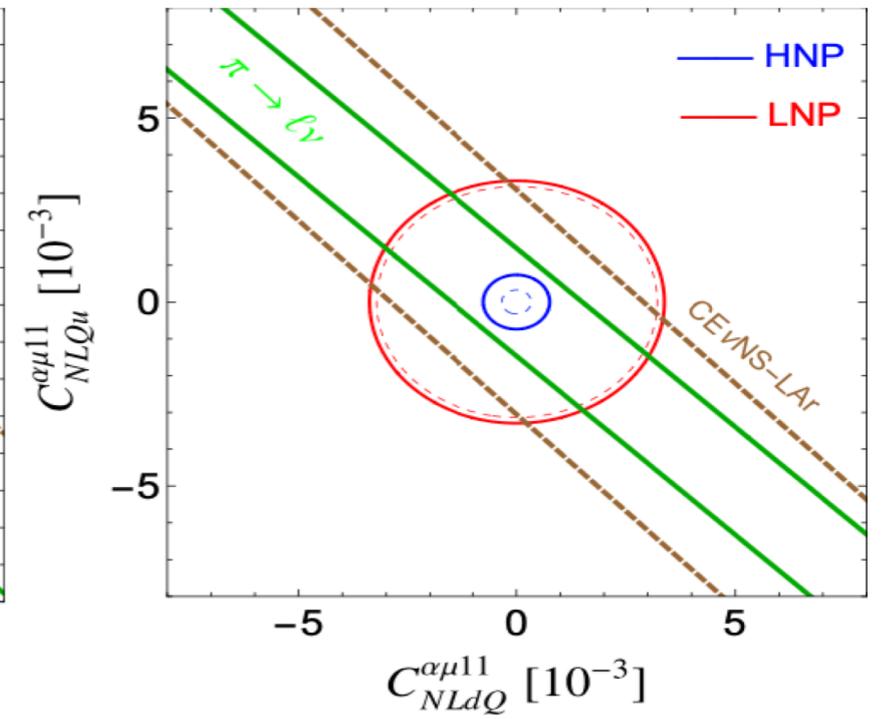
$$O_{NLdQ}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = (\bar{N}_\alpha L_\beta^j) \epsilon_{jkl} (\bar{d}_\gamma Q_\delta^k),$$

$$O_{NLdQ}^{\prime\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = (\bar{N}_\alpha \sigma_{\mu\nu} L_\beta^j) \epsilon_{jkl} (\bar{d}_\gamma \sigma^{\mu\nu} Q_\delta^k)$$

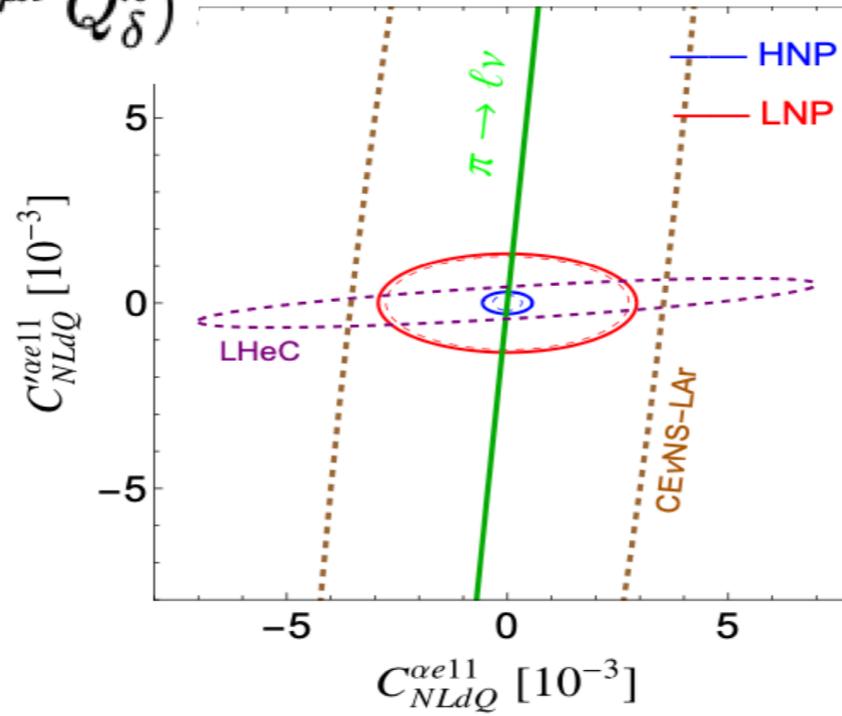
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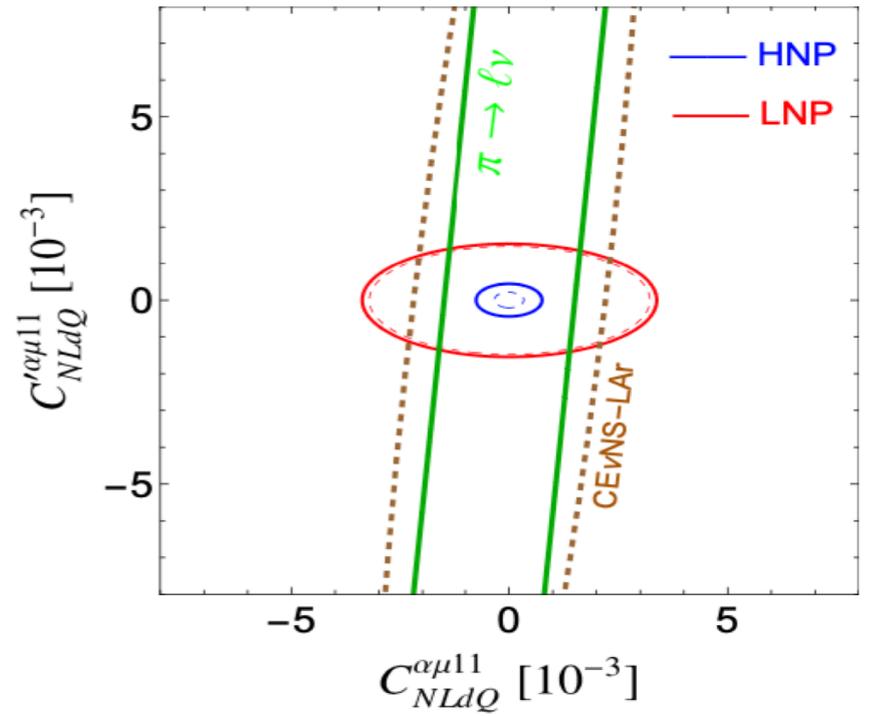
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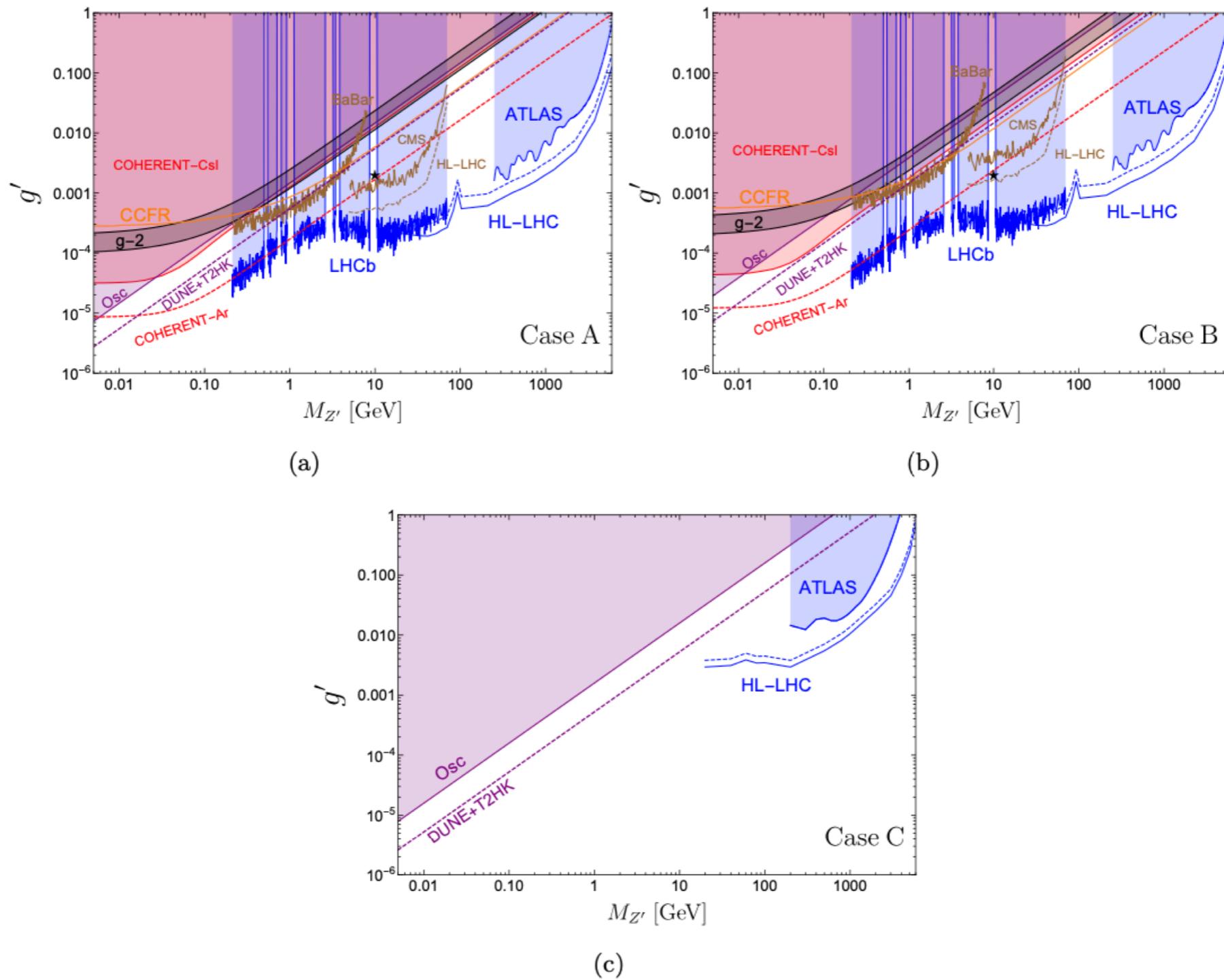
(c)



(d)

the projected bounds from HL-LHC with  $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  of data for the LNP and HNP case, respectively. The dashed purple contours in the left panels correspond to the projected bounds from LHeC with  $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ .

# A UV complete $Z'$ model:



**Figure 4.** Bounds on  $g'$  as a function of  $M_{Z'}$  for Cases A (upper left panel), B (upper right panel) and C (lower panel). For details of individual experiment, see Sec. 3.

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# Summary

- Seesaw mechanism well motivated:  $m_\nu \sim v^2/M$
- Collider experiments complement the oscillations experiments to explore  $\nu$  physics.
- Collider experiments reach higher mass threshold and thus probe the dynamical origin.
  - Type I-like:  $N_R \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $U_\nu \sim 10^{-6}$
  - Type II:  $H^{++} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
  - Type III:  $T^+, T^0 \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
  - Radiative mass models: scalar mass a few 100 GeV.
  - Test non-standard interactions (NSIs).

Collider experiments may discover the neutrino mass generation mechanism (with luck)!